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Serial No.: 09/726,796 § Group Art Unit: 1762  
Filed: November 30, 2000 § Examiner: Unknown  
For: Apparatus for Preventing Erosion of §  
Wellbore Components and Method §  
Of Fabricating Same §

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
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  - Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$198.
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  - The oath or declaration is unsigned.
  - To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
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